

BRIDGE ACROSS THE COLUMBIA RIVER.

JANUARY 9, 1897.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

Mr. SHERMAN, from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 9736.]

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 9736) to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Columbia River in the State of Washington, submit the following report:

The bill is the ordinary bridge bill granting the right to construct and operate a bridge over the Columbia River to the Columbia and Red Mountain Railway, and it contains the limitations and restrictions that are incorporated in all the recent bridge bills. It has been submitted to the Secretary of War and by him to General Craighill, who, under date of December 29, reports:

I beg to say that the navigation interest appears to be amply protected by the provisions of the bill, and I know of no objections to its passage by Congress so far as those interests are concerned.

The committee recommend that the bill be amended by adding, after the word "Secretary," in line 8 of section 2, the words "of War," and as thus amended report the bill favorably and recommend its passage.